Criminal Proceeding against U.C.C.

1344. SHRI G. G. SWELL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that criminal proceedings have been initiated against the Union Carbide Corporation; in terms of the Supreme Court's verdict regarding its culpability for the Bhopal Gas Leak on 3rd December, 1984;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the quantum of damage to the gas victims has been worked out; and

(c) whether Government have accepted the responsibility of making good the shortfall after accounting the $ 470 million to be paid by the UCC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) The criminal case filed in the Court of the Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bhopal, in 1987, is now being proceeded with according to the Judgement of the Supreme Court of India dated 3-10-1991 in the review petitions challenging the settlement.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Government has accepted the judgement of the Supreme Court and will abide by the directions contained therein.

Unite of F.C.I.

1345. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of units of the Fertilizer Corporation of India (FCI) operating in the country with details of each unit as to when it was opened, the cost involved in its setting up and number of labourer working there at the time of setting up and at present;

(b) whether it is a fact that after the recent budgetary withdrawal of subsidy on fertilizers many units of Fertilizer Corporation of India have been closed down;

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(d) the reasons for having Corporate office of the FCI in the Capital and the annual expenditure involved in its opera tions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHTNTA MOHAN): (a) The number and the names of various units of Fertilizer Corporation of India Limited (FCI), alongwith the details of commissioning date, cost and number of labourers working at the time of commissioning and at present are as given below:

	Sindri (Bihar)	Gorakhpur (U.P.)	Ramagundam (A.P.)	Talcher (Orissa)	Jodhpur Mining Organisation (Rajasthan)
i. Date of commissioning . .	1-10-1979	1-1-1969	1-11-80	1-11-80	July, 1952
ii. Cost at the time of commissioning	Rs. 183.19 crores	Rs. 34.7 crores	Rs. 215.35 crores	Rs. 217.00 crores	Rs. 12 lakhs
iii. No. of labourers at the time of commissioning . . .	6958	1246	1160	1132	120
iv. No. of labourers as on 1-11-91	3417	1502	984	1073	257